

Mr. Speaker, I will close with this. Ask the 148 families of Americans who lost our men in the Gulf war, or the 99 British and French and allied people who lost men. Ask them if they think it was good to play the Iraq card against Iran. It is going to be a disgraceful day in our history tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a press release from the American Defense Institute and a copy of a letter to President Clinton:

THE AMERICAN DEFENSE INSTITUTE,
Alexandria, VA, July 10, 1995.

FORMER UNITED STATES POW'S OPPOSE NORMALIZATION WITH VIETNAM

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—In a letter sent to President Clinton today, 60 former U.S. POWs—including Congressman Sam Johnson, (R-TX); LtGen John Peter Flynn, USAF (Ret); BG Robinson Risner, USAF (Ret); and Captain Red McDaniel, USN(Ret)—from the Vietnam War expressed their opposition to establishing diplomatic relations with Vietnam "until you, as Commander in Chief, tell us Hanoi is being fully forthcoming in accounting for our missing comrades." The letter was sent by Captain McDaniel, President of the American Defense Institute, on behalf of former U.S. POWs from Vietnam concerned with recent reports that a White House announcement of the move is imminent.

"While we appreciate Vietnam's support for U.S. crash site recovery and archival research efforts," the former POWs stated, "we know first-hand Vietnam's ability to withhold critical information while giving the appearance of cooperation."

Elsewhere in the letter, the former POWs contend that Hanoi "could do much more" to resolve many of the unresolved POW/MIA cases.

"Some of our fellow servicemen became missing during the same incidents which we survived. . . Some were captured and never heard from again. . . Still others were known to have died in captivity, yet their remains have not been repatriated to the United States."

The former POWs expressed their concern that many of the "reports from U.S. and Russian intelligence sources that maintain several hundred unidentified American POWs were held separately from us during the war, in both Laos and Vietnam, and were not released by Hanoi during Operation Homecoming in 1973. . . have yet to be fully investigated" and called on the President to "send a clear message to Hanoi that America expects full cooperation and disclosure on American POWs and MIAs before agreeing to establish diplomatic and special trading privileges with Vietnam."

Attached is a copy of the letter and the list of the former POWs.

JULY 10, 1995.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CLINTON
FROM FORMER U.S. POW'S

Hon. WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: As former U.S. Prisoners of war during the Vietnam Conflict, we are writing to request not to establish normal diplomatic relations with Vietnam until you can certify that there has been full disclosure and cooperation by Hanoi on the POW/MIA issue. While we appreciate Vietnam's support for U.S. crash site recovery and archival research efforts, we know first-hand Vietnam's ability to withhold critical information while giving the appearance of cooperation. We were all subjected to such propaganda activity during the war, and we would be the least surprised if Hanoi was

continuing to use similar tactics in its dealings with the United States.

Of particular concern to us are the several hundred POW/MIA cases involving our fellow servicemen who were captured or lost in enemy-controlled areas during the war, yet they still have not been accounted for by Vietnam. We understand that much of the fragmentary information provided by Vietnamese officials to date indicates they could do more to resolve these cases.

Some of our fellow servicemen became missing during the same incidents which we survived. They have not been accounted for. Some were captured and never heard from again. They have not been accounted for. Some were known to have been held in captivity for several years and their ultimate fate has still not been satisfactorily resolved. They have not been accounted for. Still others were known to have died in captivity, yet their remains have not been repatriated to the United States. They have not been accounted for.

Finally, we remain deeply concerned with reports from U.S. and Russian intelligence sources that maintain several hundred unidentified American POWs were held separately from us during war, in both Laos and Vietnam, and were not released by Hanoi during Operation Homecoming in 1973. Many of these reports have yet to be fully investigated.

America deserves straightforward answers if Vietnam really wants normalized diplomatic and economic relations. If Vietnam truly has nothing to hide on the POW/MIA issue, then why have they not released their wartime politburo and prison records on American POWs and MIAs? Why have they not fully disclosed other military records on POWs and MIAs?

We would only be compounding a national tragedy if we normalized relations with Hanoi before you, as Commander in Chief, can tell us Hanoi is being fully forthcoming in accounting for our missing comrades.

Perhaps more than any other group of Americans, we want to put the war behind us. But it must be done in an honorable way. We, therefore, ask you send a clear message to Hanoi that America expects full cooperation and disclosure on American POWs and MIAs before agreeing to establish diplomatic and special trading privileges with Vietnam.

Sincerely,

John Peter Flynn, Lt Gen, USAF(ret); Robinson Risner, Brig Gen, USAF(ret); Sam Johnson, Member of Congress; Eugene "Red" McDaniel, CAPT, USN(ret); John A. Alpers, Lt Col, USAF(ret); William J. Baugh, Col, USAF(ret); Adkins, C. Speed, MAJ, USA(ret); F.C. Baldock, CDR, USN(ret); Carroll Beeler, CAPT, USN(ret); Terry L. Boyer, Lt Col, USAF(ret); Cole Black, CAPT USN(ret); Paul G. Brown, LtCol, USMC(ret); David J. Carey, CAPT, USN(ret); John D. Burns, CAPT, USN(ret); James V. DiBernardo, LtCol, USMC(ret); F.A.W. Franke, CAPT, USN(ret); Wayne Goodermote, CAPT, USN(ret); Jay R. Jensen, Lt Col, USAF(ret); James M. Hickerson, CAPT, USN(ret); James F. Young, Col, USAF(ret); J. Charles Plumb, CAPT USN(ret); Larry Friese, CDR, USN(ret); Julius Jayroe, Col, USAF(ret); Bruce Seeber, Col, USAF(ret); Konrad Trautman, Col, USAF(ret); Lawrence Barbay, Lt Col, USAF(ret); Ron Bliss, Capt, USAF(ret); Arthur Burer, Col, USAF(ret); James O. Hivner, Col, USAF(ret); Gordon A. Larson, Col, USAF(ret); Robert Lewis, MSgt, USA(ret); James L. Lamar, Col, USAF(ret); Armand J. Myers, Col, USAF(ret); Terry Uyeyama, Col,

USAF(ret); Richard D. Vogel, Col, USAF(ret); Ted Guy, Col, USAF(ret); Paul E. Galanti, CDR, USN(ret); Laird Guttersen, Col, USAF(ret); Lawrence J. Stark, Civ; Michael D. Bengel, Civ; Marion A. Marshall, Lt Col, USAF(ret); Richard D. Mullen, CAPT, USN(ret); Philip E. Smith, Lt Col, USAF(ret); William Stark, CAPT, USN(ret); David F. Allwine, MSgt, USA(ret); Bob Barrett, Col, USAF(ret); Jack W. Bomar, Col, USAF(ret); Larry J. Chesley, Lt Col, USAF(ret); C.D. Rice, CDR, USN(ret); Robert L. Stirm, Col, USAF(ret); Bernard Talley, Col, USAF(ret); Paul Montague, Civ; Leo Thorsness, Col, USAF(ret); Robert Lerseth, CAPT, USN(ret); Ray A. Vodhen, CAPT, USN(ret); Richard G. Tangeman, CAPT, USN(ret); John Pitchford, Col, USAF(ret); Steven Long, Col, USAF(ret); Brian Woods, CAPT, USN(ret); Dale Osborne, CAPT, USN(ret).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GRAHAM (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today until 7:30 p.m., on account of illness.

Mr. MFUME (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. TUCKER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KINGSTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROTH, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUTHER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KINGSTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SHAYS.

Mr. BILBRAY.

Mr. MARTINI in two instances.

Mr. GILMAN in three instances.

Mr. LATHAM.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUTHER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. STUPAK.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. FARR.

Mr. TOWNS in three instances.
 Mr. TORRES.
 Mr. MILLER of California.
 Mr. JACOBS.
 Mr. HINCHEY in two instances.
 Mr. NEAL.
 Mr. MENENDEZ.
 Mr. YATES.
 Mr. UNDERWOOD.
 (The following Members (at the request of Mr. DORNAN) and to include extraneous matter:)
 Mr. WAXMAN.
 Mr. DORNAN.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 11, 1995, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1151. A letter from the Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison), Department of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a Presidential memorandum: Certification regarding use of the exchange stabilization fund and Federal Reserve in relation to the economic crisis in Mexico, pursuant to Public Law 104-6, section 406(a) (109 Stat. 91); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1152. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on abnormal occurrences at licensed nuclear facilities for the fourth quarter of calendar year 1994, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5848; to the Committee on Commerce.

1153. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to Bahrain (Transmittal No. 27-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1154. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Thailand (Transmittal No. DTC-40-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

1155. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to New Zealand (Transmittal No. DTC-36-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1156. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 95-29: Determination to authorize the furnishing of emergency military assistance to the United Nations in support of the Rapid Reaction Force in Bosnia under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

1157. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting the list of all reports issued or released

in May 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1158. A letter from the Deputy and Acting CEO, Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting the corporation's annual management report for the year ended December 31, 1994, pursuant to Public Law 101-576, section 306(a) (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1159. A letter from the The Librarian of Congress, transmitting the report of the activities of the Library of Congress, including the Copyright Office, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 139; to the Committee on House Oversight.

1160. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting a copy of the report of the proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States, held in Washington DC, on March 14, 1995, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 331; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1161. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the third report on the impact of increased aeronautical and nautical chart prices, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 1307(a)(2)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1162. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Bulgaria, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b) (H. Doc. No. 104-92); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

1163. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to designate defense acquisition pilot programs in accordance with National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1991, and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on National Security, Government Reform and Oversight, and Small Business.

1164. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, "Medicare and Medicaid Payment Integrity Act of 1995"; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means, Commerce, and the Budget.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 1826. A bill to repeal the authorization of transitional appropriations for the U.S. Postal Service, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-174). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. EMERSON:

H.R. 1997. A bill to provide flexibility to States in the administration of the Food Stamp Program, consolidation of the commodity distribution programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 1998. A bill to provide for State credit union representation on the National Credit Union Administration Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. NORWOOD:

H.R. 1999. A bill to establish the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 2000. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 1949 to provide for the establishment of a multiple-tier price support program for milk to assist milk producers to receive an adequate income from their dairy operations and to support long-term conservation practices by milk producers, while assuring sufficient low-cost dairy products for nutrition assistance programs; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BOEHNER:

H. Res. 183. Resolution electing Representative GREG LAUGHLIN of Texas to the Committee on Ways and Means; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. REYNOLDS):

H. Res. 184. Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that committee reports accompanying reported bills and joint resolutions contain a detailed analysis of the impact of the bill or joint resolution on children; to the Committee on Rules.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

126. The SPEAKER: Presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Nevada, relative to custody requirements for prisoners that exceed constitutional requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. SCOTT introduced a bill (H.R. 2001) for the relief of Norton R. Girault; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 38: Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MANZULLO, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. DE LA GARZA.

H.R. 218: Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 248: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 263: Mr. SERRANO and Mr. MANTON.

H.R. 371: Mr. COLEMAN.

H.R. 491: Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 661: Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 677: Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. STUDDS.

H.R. 709: Mr. ENGEL and Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 733: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida.

H.R. 734: Mr. GUTIERREZ and Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 736: Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 739: Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. BONO.

H.R. 789: Mrs. VUCANOVICH and Mr. ZIMMER.

H.R. 833: Mr. WILLIAMS.

H.R. 835: Mr. REYNOLDS.